Opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas

†1335. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more than one Navodaya Vidyalayas in each district of the country, keeping in view of popularity of these Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the States having hilly and tribal populations would be given priority for opening of such Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas likely to be established during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per the present scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya, one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya is to be established in each district of the country.

Central Educational Institutes in Bihar

†1336. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in the absence of central educational institutes in Bihar, the brilliant students of the State have to go to various States of the country to get education;

(b) whether the brilliant students are adversely affected due to this reason;

(c) whether Government is ready to take any concrete steps; and

(d) whether any central university is proposed to be opened in the State in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Though inter-State mobility of students in the higher education sector is a natural phenomena irrespective of the availability of education institutions in a particular State, the Government is alive to the need for removing regional imbalances and the expansion of institutions of higher education in the country. Subject to the finalization of the 11th Plan, it is proposed to provide one Central University in each of the sixteen such States, including Bihar, which do not have a Central University so far.

Closing of Aligarh Muslim University

1337. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the background for closing down Aligarh Muslim University indefinitely;

(b) whether the core issue leading to indefinite closure has been identified and if so, the possible measures undertaken to redeem the situation;

(c) whether there could be a study on minority institutions in the country and analyse their problems, and initiate action to nip in the bud; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether there would be a time-frame before which the University could be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) In an incident dated 16th September, 2007, one B.Sc student, Mr. Mazhar Naeem, was brutally attacked near his hostel by certain unidenitifed miscreants, leading to his death. The agitated students had resorted to an unprecedented level of violence and arson. With a view to restoring normalcy, the University was closed *sine-die* with effect from 17th September, 2007, by the University authorities.

Following the requisite security cover provided by the district administration, the University has since re-opened in phases in a smooth and orderly manner.

The Executive Council of the University has authorized the Vice Chancellor to appoint a one-man inquiry commission headed by a retired Judge of Supreme Court/High Court hailing from a distant State to inquire into the series of incidents of indiscipline and violence witnessed by the University from June, 2006 to September, 2007.

Assistance and recognition to universities and colleges in Punjab and Karnataka

1338. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:
SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals/requests from universities and colleges in Punjab and Karnataka, for recognition and financial assistance, are at present, pending with the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating, *inter alia,* the date of receipt of the proposals/ requests by the U.G.C., case-wise and State-wise; and

(c) by when the decision thereon is likely to be taken, case-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) From Punjab, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has received a proposal from Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala on the 9th Oct. 2007 financial assistance under Section 12 (B) of UGC Act, 1956. There are no pending proposals in respect of universities or colleges from Karnataka.

(c) Every proposal for recognition and financial assistance received from colleges/ universities in the UGC is examined as per the provisions of the UGC guidelines that include *inter-alia,* spot assessment of infrastructure and academic facilities available in such colleges/ universities by an Expert Committee of the UGC. Decision to grant recognition and provide financial assistance or otherwise is taken upon consideration of the Committee's recommendations on the merits of each case and therefore, no time limit can be prescribed.

Inclusion of Government colleges of Kerala in 2(F) and 12(B) lists of UGC

1339. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Government colleges of Kerala had been included in the 2(F) and 12(B) lists of University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of Government colleges that are included in the said lists of UGC, alongwith the date of their inclusion, category-wise, college-wise and district-wise as on date?